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# Brief Early Information Update: Fifth Five-Year Review for the McCormick & Baxter Superfund Site

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# What is a Five-Year Review?

- An assessment of the remedy **to make sure it is still protective** of human health and the environment.

Done **every five years** after construction starts



**Source:** Oregon Department of Environmental Quality





# McCormick & Baxter 101

## History

- Former creosote wood treating facility.

## Contamination

- Wood-treating chemicals caused contamination in the soil, groundwater, and sediment.

## Final Remedy

- Groundwater barrier wall
- Soil cap
- Sediment cap

## Simplified Timeline

**1994:** EPA adds Site to National Priorities List

**1996:** DEQ & EPA issue Final Cleanup Plan (also called Record of Decision or ROD)

**2001:** First Five-Year Review

**2005:** Cleanup activities complete

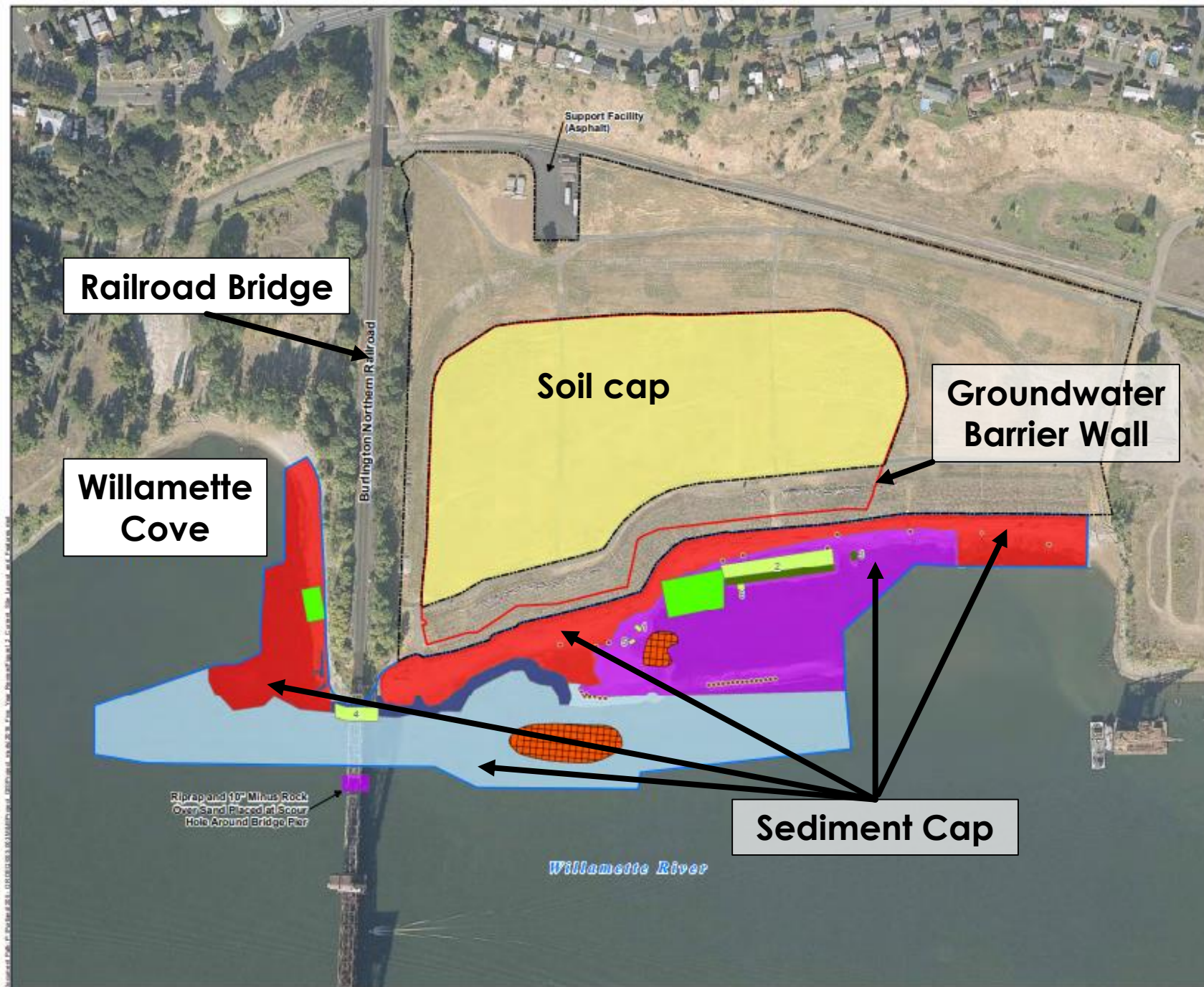
**2006:** Second Five-Year Review

**2011:** Third Five-Year Review

**2016:** Fourth Five-Year Review

**2021:** Fifth Five-Year Review (in progress)

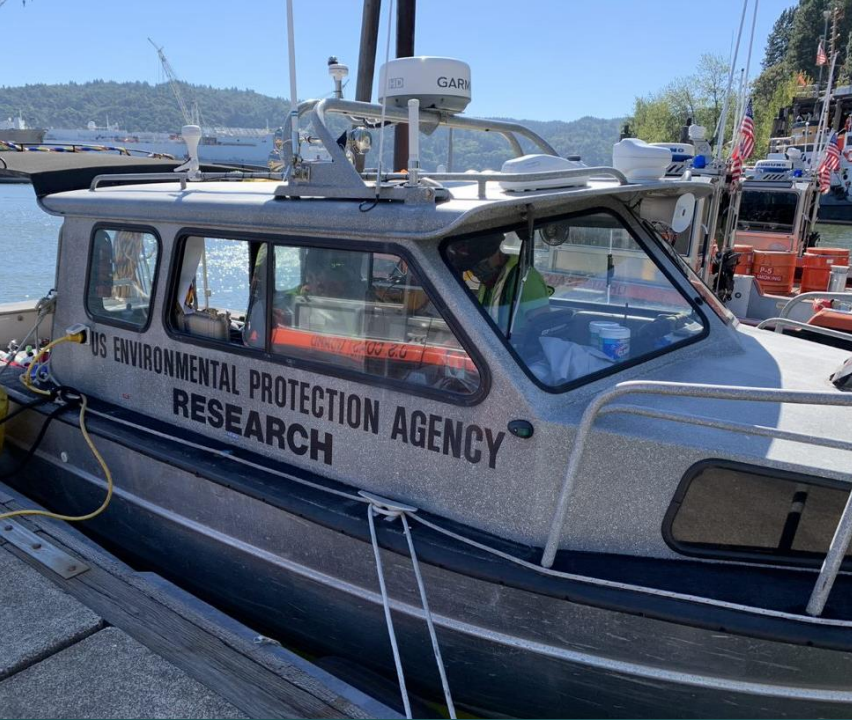




# Useful Items to Review

- ✓ 2016 [Fourth Five-Year Review](#)
- ✓ 2019 [McCormick & Baxter Annual Operation & Maintenance \(O&M\) Report](#)
- ✓ EPA's McCormick & Baxter [Website](#)
  - ❑ [www.epa.gov/superfund/mccormick-baxter-portland](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/mccormick-baxter-portland)





**EPA & DEQ plan to release  
Five-Year Review**



**McCormick & Baxter  
Fifth Five-Year Review  
*Status***

**EPA Dive Team Sampling at McCormick & Baxter (August 2020)**

**Photo Sources: U.S. EPA**

# McCormick & Baxter Fifth Five-Year Review *Request for Information*

**Do you have information on how the remedy is working?**

Vessels that might have damaged the sediment cap?



Any damage to signage or fencing?



Other information?

**By May 31, 2021**

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